# *HOMEGOING CELEBRATION*

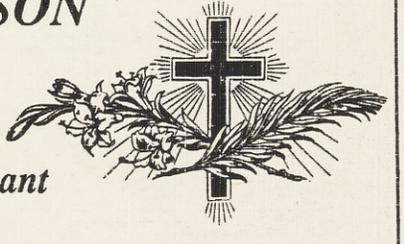
***Testimonial Cathedral COGIC***
*5721 S. Western Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90059*

*April 4, 1907* — *November 29, 1993*

## *ELDER WESLEY DICKSON*

*Pastor, Bright Star COGIC*
*Superintendent Emeritus*

***Supt. J. Bernard Hackworth, Officiant***



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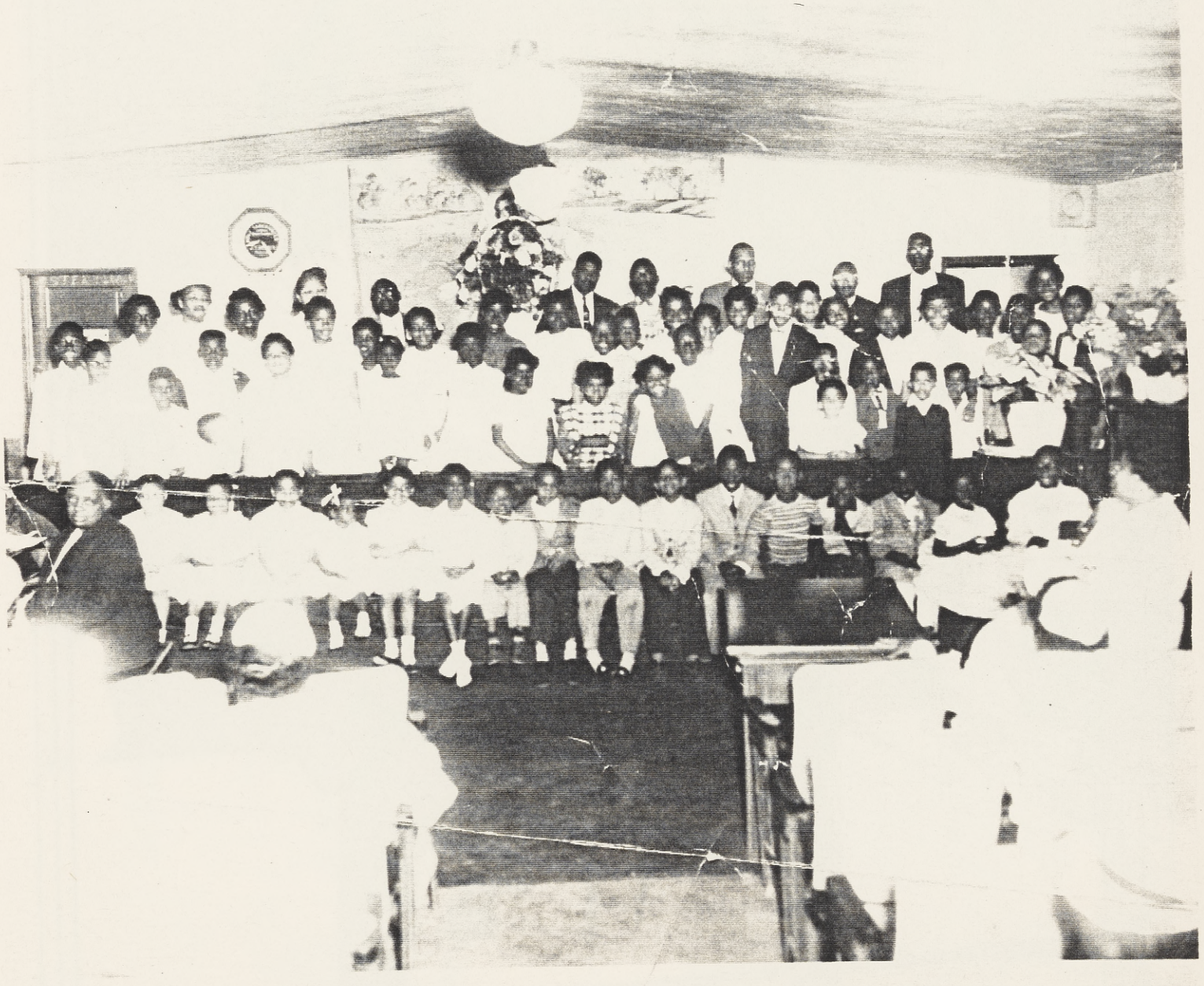

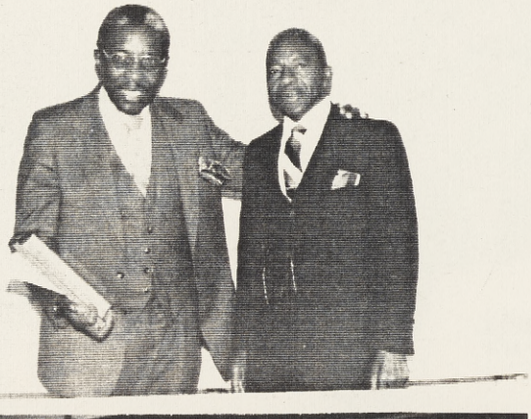

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*Los Angeles, CA 90059*

***December 4, 1993***
***12:00 Noon***

***Supt. J.T. Jones, Master of Ceremonies***

# ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE.....Musicians
PROCESSIONAL.....Choir & Congregation
"Bless That Wonderful Name Of Jesus"
PRAYER.....Supt. Charles Lollis
Evangelistic Temple COGIC

CONGREGATIONAL - Psalm 91.....Led by Supt. Lawrence McGee
OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE
NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE.....Supt. O.C. Turner
SELECTION.....Bro. Tony McGill &
"I Know The Lord Will Make A Way" Combined Choirs

REMARKS (3 Minutes Please).....Missionary Zella Goosby
(District Missionaries)

Mother Gertie M. Houston
Supervisor, Metropolitan Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

RESOLUTIONS.....Missionary Ellen S. Davis
LETTERS OF COMFORT (Women's Dept., Bright Star COGIC)

MUSICAL SELECTION.....Combined Choirs
REMARKS.....Eld. Odell Heard
Interim Pastor
Supt. Charles Barnett
Supt. James Lewis
Supt. J.W. Mayfield
Supt. William Smith

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/Cards, Telegrams, Condolences.....Sis. Bettye Whitson
FAMILY TRIBUTE.....Delores Lakey-Stewart
SOLO - "We Shall Behold Him"
OBITUARY.....Supt. Edward G. McClachlan
CONGREGATIONAL SONG - "I'll Take Jesus For Mine"
EULOGY.....Officiant, Supt. J. Bernard Hackworth
Administrative Asst.
Metropolitan Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

PARTING VIEW....."By and By", "Sign Me Up"
"We Shall Be Changed", At The Cross"

RECESSIONAL ....."When We All Get To Heaven"

# *OBITUARY*

*Wesley Dickson entered this life on April 4, 1907, fifth child of John Dickson and Zelphia Williams Dickson, in Clarksville, Texas. His family included 10 siblings. He attended public school in the segregated Canaan Traveler Elementary School.*

*In 1926, he met the lovely Pauline Houston. They were united in love on January 4, 1927, and in January, 1994, would have been married 67 years.*

*Wesley was always a caring provider for his family and was forced many times, to work in Oklahoma City and travel back to Clarksville, a commute of many miles.*

*To better the lives and conditions of his growing family (now three children, Wesley Ernestine and Roy Lee) he moved to Carlsbad, New Mexico. It was a destined move in more ways than one. There, his sills as a rancher came to the attention of a rich land baron who promptly promoted him to foreman of his entire ranch. But the most important reason was the dramatic conversion he experienced while in Carlsbad.*

*At the unction of the Lord, he was led to Los Angeles, Calif. in 1943 with his wife and three children. Shortly after arriving in Los Angeles, he was employed by the U.S. Rubber Company. He attended Anzac Church of God in Christ under the guidance of Eld. W.T. Thomas. While there, he was led to enter the Evangelistic field with another brother in the Lord, Eld. Robert Wells.*

*These were the early pioneer days of the Pentecostal COGIC movement in Los Angeles.*

*Many were drawn to the revivals led by Elder Dickson and Elder Wells, for they were used mightily by the Lord, to pray for healing for all manner of sickness and disease in accordance with the great Commission given by Jesus in St. Mark 16:15. The sick were healed and souls were saved. It was said that so great was the power of God in these meetings that healings were instantaneous and dramatic.*

*A few years later, he was directed by the Lord in the ministry of pastoring.*

*His first post was as co-pastorship of a small church on 103rd Street. Later he started a mission in the home of Sister Dorothy Gordan Banks. Through this mission the Lord blessed in miraculous ways, and souls were added. Not only spiritual souls were added, but natural offsprings as well. The Lord blessed them with four more children, Delores, Paul, Lynette and Darline.*

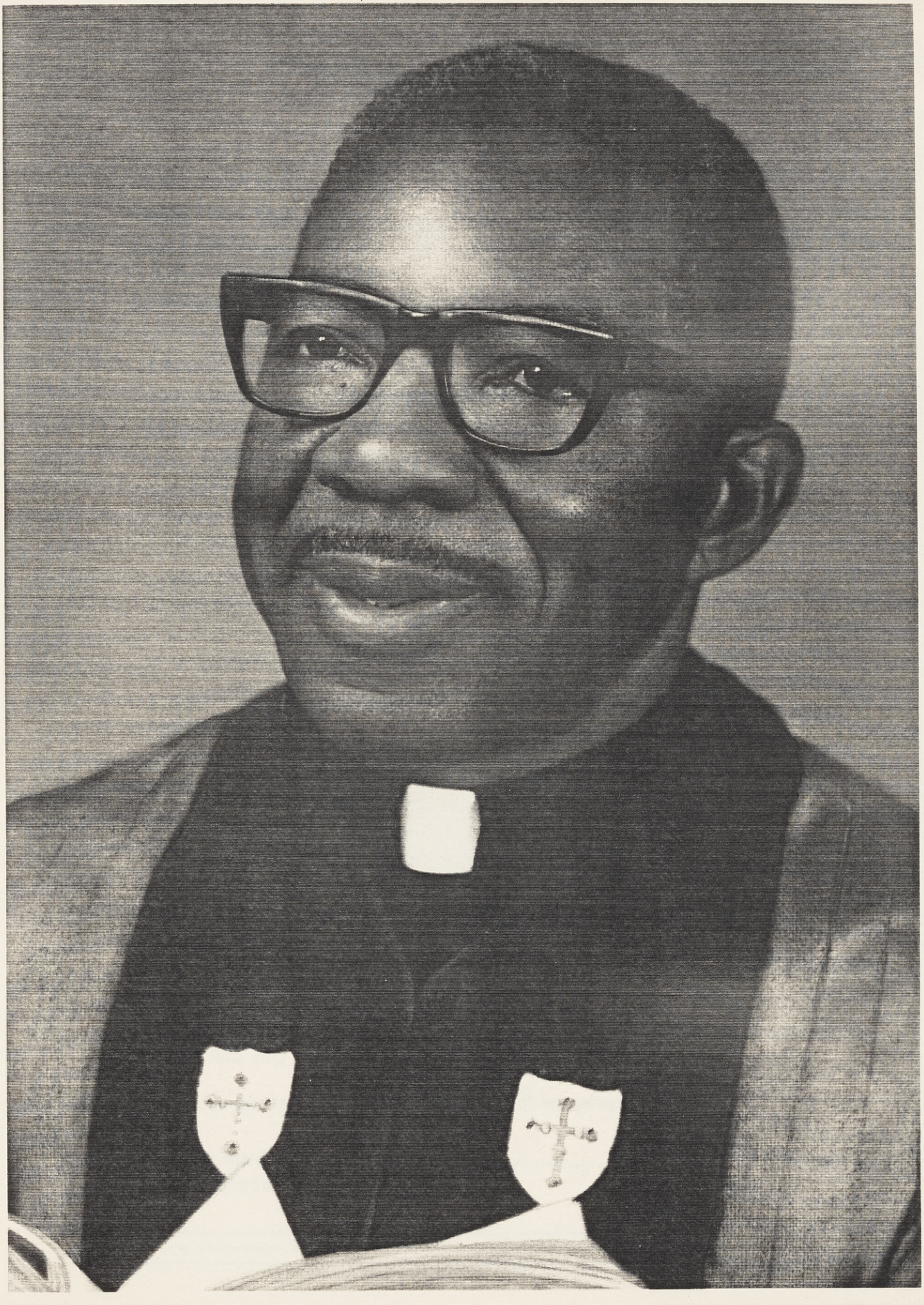
*His next post was as pastor of Bright Star Church of God in Christ located in a small building on 92nd Street. Elder Dickson continued to work faithfully for the Lord and the little church that started out with only a few members began to grow. Soon another move was evident.*

*Under the direction of the Lord, Elder Dickson came to 97th and Beach Street to inquire about buying the property where Bright Star is presently located. The Lord richly blessed Elder and Sister Dickson for their diligence in serving his people.*

*Though not seminarily educated, Elder Dickson was an anointed Biblical scholar, expository teacher and consummate preacher. His love of story-telling and use of analogies in his ministry served to make his messages so plain that a child could understand. His lack of higher formal education did not deter him from ever studying and learning. He encouraged his own children and his spiritual children to strive for the best. His generosity was legend in helping needy high school graduates to obtain higher education.*

*He was transported from earth to Glory surrounded by his family on November 30, 1993 at 5:30 p.m.*

*He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Pauline Dickson, 1 sister, Ms. Elzie IdaBell, Oklahoma, 1 brother, Calvin Dickson, of Carlsbad, New Mexico, six children, (one preceding him in death), Wesley Dickson, Lynwood, Ca, Ernestine Johnson, Inglewood, CA., Delores Lakey-Stewart, Rancho Palos Verdes, Paul Dickson, Los Angeles, Lynette Mcbride, Inglewood, Ca., and Darline Gray, South Gate, Ca., and their respective spouses, fifteen grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren, and array of nieces and nephews and relatives and the Bright Star family and an astounding host of friends and loved ones.*



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*ACTIVE PALLBEARERS*.....*Deacons of Bright Star COGIC*

*HONORARY PALLBEARERS*.....*Grandsons and Nephews*

*OFFICIANT*.....*Supt. J. Bernard Hackworth*
*Administrative Asst.*
*Pastor, Testimonial Cathedral COGIC*

## *ACTIVE PALLBEARERS*

*STEVE MCCLAIN*
*REGINALD WOODS*
*CLARENCE FORD*
*JOHNNY SIMMONS*
*ANTHONY STUBBLEFIELD*
*ROBERT FORD*

## *HONORARY PALLBEARERS*

*Nathan McBride* * *Michael Gray*
*Raymond Jones* * *Leon Stewart*

**INGLEWOOD CEMETERY MORTUARY**
3801 W. Manchester Blvd.
Inglewood, CA 90301
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***INTERMENT***.....***Inglewood Park Cemetery***
***Inglewood, CA***

## RESPONSIVE READING

## PSALM 91

*Leader:* *He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.*

*Cong:* *I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God: in Him will I trust.*

*Leader:* *Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.*

*Cong:* *He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.*

*Leader:* *Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;*

*Cong:* *Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.*

*Leader:* *A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but is shall not come nigh thee.*

*Cong:* *Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.*

*Leader:* *Because thou has made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;*

*Cong:* *There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.*

*Leader:* *For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.*

*Cong:* *They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.*

*Lead:* *Thou shalt tread upon the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.*

*Cong:* *Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.*

*Lead:* *He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.*

*All:* *With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.*